

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced that he has launched a new official congressional website to improve communication with constituents on key issues and improve the ease at which constituents can request assistance from his office.

"This new website is going to make it easier for people to get assistance and information from my office," said Hinchey. "If families visiting Washington would like to schedule a tour, they can do that through the new site. If constituents need help with a federal agency, it will be easier for them to request that assistance. And if people are looking for where I stand on a range of issues, that information will be available too. This is a dramatic improvement over our old website, and we're going to continue adding content to keep it current. I'm so pleased it is finally up and running."

The new site will enable constituents to submit casework requests. Hinchey's office accepts thousands of casework issues every year. From helping veterans attain the benefits they've earned to assisting seniors with Medicare and Social Security issues, members of Hinchey's staff are capable of addressing a range of problems that constituents frequently encounter when dealing with federal agencies. Hinchey's office can also help small businesses locate grants through the Small Business Administration, help taxpayers solve IRS problems and help secure nominations for admission to our nation's prestigious military academies.

The website also gives constituents direct access to press releases, blog posts, photos and videos regarding Hinchey's actions in Congress and activities across New York's 22nd Congressional District. It also prominently features links to social media sites like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Flickr, enabling users of those sites to keep up on the latest news from the congressman's office.

The new site can be accessed by visiting <http://Hinchey.House.Gov> . To connect directly through social media outlets, users can visit each of the following links:

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/mauricehinchey
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/mauricehinchey
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/repmauricehinchey
- Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/mhinchey/>

